(ii) The minimum distance between two Post Offices should be 1 Km. in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above. In other urban areas, the minimum distance between two Post Offices should be 1.5 Kms.

Heads of Circles are competent to relax the distance condition in 10% of the cases every year.

Waiting list for Telephone Connections of Jorbag and Rajouri Garden

1752. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the waiting lis, for telephone connections in the Jorbagh and Rajouri Garden telephone exchanges;

(b) what is the number of connections in the General category which are likely to be released following the opening of electronic exchanges in Nehru Place and Rajouri Garden respectively; and

(c) by when and upto which date these connections are likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The waiting list for telephone connections in Jorbagh and Rajouri Garden telephone exchanges on 1-8-85 is 6,226 and 24,999 respectively.

(b) The number of telephone connections likely to be provided in General Category in Nehru Place and Rajouri Gardens telephone exchanges is 1,000 and 2,300 respectively.

(c) These connections are proposed to be provided progressively by 31st March, 1986.

Short Supply of LPG refills

1753. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 219 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the outcome of the close watch being maintained on the supply of refil-gas-cylinders by the Vijay Rattan Enterprises, a gas agency in the Laxmi Nagar of trans-Yamuna area Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said gas agency still takes 15 to 20 days in supplying the refil-gas-cylinders; and

(c) if so, what action is contemplated against the defaulting gas agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (c) There is a backlog of refill supply persisting with Vijay-Rattan Enterprises, Indane Distributor located at Lakshmi Nagar, New Delhi. This was initially due to labour problems faced by the distributors compelled with heavy rains. Currently, there is a delay of 12 days in supply of refills. Efforts are being made to effect additional supplies to clear the backlog and restore normalcy. It is expected that the position will be normalised by the third week of August, 1985.

Shifting of LPG Plant Shakurbasti to Ghevra

1754. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to shift Shakurbasti LPG plant to Ghevra at Tikrikalan;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be shifted; and

(c) the manner in which Shakurbasti area will be developed after the shifting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The tentative date of commissioning of the bottling plant at Tikrikalan is March, 1988.

(c) Plans regarding utilisation of the Shakurbasti land after shifting of